

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A printhead assembly, comprising:

at least one printhead module comprising at least two printhead integrated circuits, each of which has nozzles formed therein for delivering printing fluid onto the surface of print media, a support member supporting and carrying the printing fluid for the at least two printhead integrated circuits, and an electrical connector for connecting electrical signals to the at least two printhead integrated circuits; and

a plurality of longitudinally extending electrical conductors for providing power from a power supply to the at least two printhead integrated circuits, being arranged as ~~two-first and second~~ groups of electrical conductors, the first group extending from one end of the printhead assembly to a region intermediate the ends of the printhead assembly, and the second group extending from the other end to connect to the first group at the region intermediate the ends of the printhead assembly to supply power in parallel to both ends of the printhead assembly, respectively connected to the power supply at respective ends of the printhead assembly, respective ones of electrical conductors of the two groups of electrical conductors being connected together at abutting regions intermediate the ends of the printhead assembly.

2. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, further comprising a casing in which the at least one printhead module and the plurality of electrical conductors are removably mounted.

3. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 2, further comprising drive electronics incorporating at least one controller for controlling the printing operation of at least one of the at least two printhead integrated circuits via the electrical connector,

wherein power is provided to the drive electronics by the electrical conductors via the electrical connector.

4. (Currently Amended) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein the first group of electrical conductors and the second group of electrical conductors overlap each other in the abutting regions intermediate the ends of the printhead assembly of the individual electrical conductors are arranged in overlapping relationship.

5. (Original) A printhead assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the at least one printhead module is formed as a unitary arrangement of the at least two printhead integrated circuits, the support member, the electrical connector, and at least one fluid distribution member mounting the at least two printhead integrated circuits to the support member; and

the support member has at least one longitudinally extending channel for carrying the printing fluid for the printhead integrated circuits and includes a plurality of apertures extending through a wall of the support member arranged so as to direct the printing fluid from the at least one channel to associated nozzles in both, or

if more than two, all of the printhead integrated circuits by way of respective ones of the fluid distribution members.